

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 and 20-27 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. More specifically, the Examiner stated that the declaration is unclear as to what the error in the original patent claims actually is. For an example, the Examiner points to the declaration's reference to claim 1 not claiming a self-propelled lateral sewer pipe inspection apparatus. The Examiner further states that the claims provided to correct the alleged error do not recite that the apparatus is self-propelled.

To overcome this rejection, the Applicant has added the phrase "self-propelled" in the preamble of claims 20 and 22. Because claims 20-27 are the claims "provided to correct the alleged error," and because those claims now recite that the apparatus is self-propelled, the Applicant has overcome the Examiner's stated reasons for the rejection.

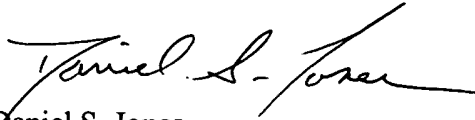
The Examiner also rejected claims 22-27 under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. The Examiner particularly points out that the claims 22-27 do not include limitations added to claim 1 during prosecution of the original patent.

To overcome this rejection, the Applicant has added the limitations of claim 26 to claim 22. Claim 26 includes substantially the same limitations that were added by amendment to claim 1 during prosecution of the original patent. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection based on impermissible recapture.

As instructed by the Examiner's communication in paper no. 8 mailed June 17, 2003, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173, Applicant has underlined in the above claim amendment section all changes relative to the patent being reissued.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-17 and 20-27.

Respectfully submitted,



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